

Application Serial No.: 09/676,998
Attorney Docket No.: 0190230

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is in response to the *Final* Office Action of January 13, 2005, where the Examiner has rejected claims 7, 8, 17 and 18, and has allowed claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 11 and 13-16. By the present amendment, claim 7 has been amended, and claims 17-18 have been cancelled. After the present amendment, claims 1, 2, 5, 6-8, 11 and 13-16 are pending in the present application. Allowance of outstanding claims 1, 2, 5, 6-8, 11 and 13-16 in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

A. Rejection of Claims 7-8 under 35 USC §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 7-8, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Yukawa, et al. (USPN 6,256,066) ("Yukawa").

Applicant respectfully disagrees; however, in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, applicant has amended claim 7 to recite "the shutter mechanism hingedly attached with respect to said substrate." Accordingly applicant respectfully submits that claim 7, as amended, and its dependent claim 8, should be allowed at least for one of the reasons claims 1 and 11 have been allowed.

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B. Rejection of Claims 17-18 under 35 USC §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 17-18, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Yukawa in view of Bawolek, et al. (US 2004/0012029) ("Bawolek").

By the present amendment, applicant has cancelled claims 17-18. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejection of claims 17-18 has been rendered moot.

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C. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing reasons, an early Notice of Allowance directed to all claims 1, 2, 5, 6-8, 11 and 13-16 pending in the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicant would like to advise the Examiner of a recent change in the attorneys of record, which is confirmed by the attached Revocation and Power of Attorney. Applicant respectfully requests that all correspondence regarding the present application be made to the address shown below.

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